CLAIMS

1.   A method comprising:

identifying a printer menu hierarchy, wherein the printer menu hierarchy includes multiple levels of data entries;

analyzing each level of data entries to determine the number of data entries associated with each level; and

for each level of data entries having at least N data entries, adding an index mark to every Nth data entry in the level of data entries.

2.   A method as recited in claim 1 further comprising printing the printer menu hierarchy, including the added index marks.

3.   A method as recited in claim 1 wherein N is five.

4.   A method as recited in claim 1 wherein the printer menu hierarchy is stored in a printer associated with the printer menu hierarchy.

5.   A method as recited in claim 1 wherein the printer menu hierarchy is stored remotely from a printer associated with the printer menu hierarchy.

6.   A method as recited in claim 1 wherein the method is performed in response to a request to generate the printer menu hierarchy.

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7. A method as recited in claim 1 further comprising:

retrieving the printer menu hierarchy from a printer using a computer coupled to the printer; and

displaying the retrieved printer menu hierarchy using the computer, wherein the displayed printer menu hierarchy includes the added index marks.

8. A method as recited in claim 1 wherein the data entries in the printer menu hierarchy include information related to printer settings.

9. A method as recited in claim 1 wherein the index mark is a distinguishing characteristic applied to appropriate data entries.

10. A method as recited in claim 1 wherein the index mark is a symbol added to appropriate data entries.

11. A method comprising:

identifying a data listing containing a plurality of data entries;

analyzing the data listing to determine the number of data entries in the data listing; and

if the data listing has at least N data entries, then adding an index mark to every Nth data entry in the data listing.

12. A method as recited in claim 11 further comprising printing the data listing, including the added index marks.

13.   A method as recited in claim 11 further comprising:

retrieving the data listing; and

displaying the retrieved data listing on a computer, wherein the displayed data listing includes the added index marks.

14.   A method as recited in claim 11 wherein N is five.

15.   A method as recited in claim 11 wherein the index marks are symbols added proximate the appropriate data entry.

16.   A printer comprising:

a processor configured to communicate with a storage device in the printer and to communicate with other devices coupled to the printer; and

a storage device coupled to the processor, the storage device containing a printer menu hierarchy associated with the printer, and wherein the printer menu hierarchy includes a plurality of data entries and an index mark associated with every Nth data entry in the plurality of data entries.

17.   A printer as recited in claim 16 wherein the processor is further configured to print the printer menu hierarchy, including the index marks.

18.   A printer as recited in claim 16 wherein the storage device is a non-volatile memory device.

19.   A printer as recited in claim 16 wherein the storage device is a hard disk drive.